
Transportation and Communications Committee

April 6, 2006

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry	City of San Gabriel
Bauman, John	City of Brea
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	City of Los Angeles
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
DeYoung, Cathryn	City of Laguna Niguel
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forrest
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Herrera, Carol	City of Diamond Bar
Lowenthal, Bonnie	City of Long Beach
Mikels, Judy	Ventura County
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Pettis, Greg	Cathedral City
Ridgeway, Tod	City of Newport Beach
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg	City of Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Szerlip, Don	South Bay Cities COG
Talbot, Paul	City of Alhambra
Tyler, Sidney	City of Pasadena
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

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Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Buckley, Tom	City of Lake Elsinore
Correa, Lou	Orange County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
Garcia, Lee Ann	City of Grand Terrace
George, Gary	City of Redlands
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowe, Robin	City of Hemet/RCTC
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Miller, Paul	City of Simi Valley
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Moqet, Shenna	Riverside, WRCOG
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Smyth, Cameron	City of Santa Clarita
Uranga, Tonia Reyes	City of Long Beach

New Members

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Councilmember David Margrave, City of South Pasadena, stated that he was informed that a resolution had been issued from the City of South Pasadena in support of substitution for the full bore tunnel option if determined feasible for the surface Route 710 extension.

Mr. Margrave stated that a 710 extension in any form would cause more traffic, more idle cars in tunnels on highways; create more deaths, and more pollution. Mr. Margrave requested that the TCC remove the 710 extension from the RTP without the tunnel option.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of March 2, 2006

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

MOTION was made to MOVE the Consent Calendar items.

Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Comments on World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha (Qatar) Development Agenda

Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG, stated that there was another set of comments prepared for the office of the U.S. Trade Representative related to the local impacts of international trade. The U.S. Trade Representative staff has alerted SCAG that there is yet another opportunity to comment on a broader basis which is related to the World Trade Organization.

In the draft, 3/17/3006, attached to today's agenda were the Thai Trade comments. The revised draft, 4/5/06, which has been distributed to the Committee has recast some of the wording in various places where Thailand is talked about and instead talks about the totality of World Trade. The Thai Trade comments were based on terms of the impacts in a report that was recently issued by the California Air Resources Board on a goods movement emission reduction plan for ports and international goods movement. A previous December draft was the source of a lot

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of information that staff put in the Thai Trade comment. All of this information is still valid, but in the interim the ARB revised the document and it now includes not only international goods movement, but all goods movement in the State of California. This document it would make changes in three of the tables that were in the original document. Staff has updated these tables focusing only on the international portion of goods movement; this is explained in the text. Staff perceived that this made the best argument in terms of the trends in emissions and the impacts that the Region is experiencing in Southern California.

The other change made, the word *prioritize*, was to clarify the nature of what Staff is trying to ask the Federal Government for, was in response to a comment made by the South Coast Air Quality Management District having to do with the top bullet item on page 3 that now reads:

- Improve and *prioritize* environmental review processes under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Motion was made to APPROVE the comment. Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.1 Airport Ground Access Development

Alan Thompson, SCAG, briefed the Committee on the analyses to be conducted as part of the Regional Transportation Plan development. Mr. Thompson stated that SCAG was legally required to develop an Airport Ground Access Plan as part of its Regional Transportation Plan development. Over the past 10 years, SCAG's aviation strategy has been the decentralization of airport services amongst the ten airports in the Region. This includes limiting urban airports such as LAX, Long Beach, Burbank, and John Wayne to their legal physical capacity in an attempt to induce passengers out to the Inland Empire and North Los Angeles County. As these air services become more decentralized passengers and air cargo will need to reach the suburban airports.

As SCAG develops and refines its aviation strategy for the next RTP, a coordinated ground access plan will also need to be developed and refined. In developing the strategy, Staff is focusing on examining remote flyaway locations for both LAX and Ontario as well as transit improvements and HOV lane extensions as a near term strategy to help induce decentralization. Staff will also recommend additions and revisions to the list of arterial, intersection, interchange, and parking improvements for each carrier airport. High-speed access whether Maglev or high-speed rail, will eventually be needed in the long-term to fully realize a MAP potential of 175 million air passengers by the year 2030.

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The schedule for developing the Ground Access component of the RTP is:

- July 2006: Present previous work to the Aviation Task Force and the P&P Technical Advisory Committee, as well as a final schedule.
- August 2006: Initiate new work for the 2008 RTP with an emphasis on transit, HOV and flyaway projects, as well as updating previous work.
- November 2006: Complete Regional Aviation Capacity and Forecasting Study.
- February 2007: Provide a complete recommend list of airport ground access projects excluding transit.

Staff will then present the revised Ground Access component to the Aviation Task Force and the P&P Technical Advisory Committee; the analysis will then go to the Transportation & Communications Committee as part of the RTP development process.

6.2 Infrastructure Bond Update

Don Rhodes, SCAG, stated that Senator Dutton, (REP), has a bill in the legislative council that focuses on levees, transportation, some schools, and a Proposition 42 provision. Staff did a follow up with the other House, and unless this bill includes items for housing and transit the Democrats have some issues with it. According to some of the Republican staff spoke with, they would like to perhaps use it as some leverage during the budget negotiations.

6.3 House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation Congressional Field Hearing

Don Rhodes, SCAG, gave a briefing on SCAG's trip to Washington, March 20, to attend the Aviation Sub-Committee which was a very successful follow-on to SCAG's consensus trip to D.C. earlier in the year. In addition to SCAG there were three other agencies that gave presentations; FAA, California DOT, and LAWA.

The big issue of discussion was ground access. The other part of the hearing emphasized the global gateway nature of our Region and how it affects the airport system and also the demand by County.

At the hearing Staff recommended:

- funding support for Global Gateways
- the need to decentralize our airport system
- proportional share for high-speed ground access
- support aviation system planning in large multi-airport systems
- more flexible funding for mitigation of community impacts

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7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Councilmember Lou Bone, City of Tustin, stated that the Maglev Task Force did not meet in March. The next meeting of the task force will be April 13.

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

Chair Baldwin stated that at the last TCC meeting in addition to the selection of Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles, and Richard Steinke, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach, an additional nominee has been made for SCAG's Regional Champion Award; William Buenger, Executive Director, Port Hueneme.

Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County, inquired as to who decided on the nomination of Mr. Buenger? Chair Baldwin stated that Staff made the recommendation. Ms. Mikels stated she opposed the nomination of Mr. Buenger, Oxnard Harbor District, because he was neither a regional player, nor a partner. Ms. Mikels also requested that Staff consult the Committee before making this type of recommendation.

Supervisor Judy Mikels made the MOTION to OPPOSE the nomination of Mr. Bunder. MOTION was SECONDED (Councilmember Art Brown, City of Brea) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Hasan Ikhrata, SCAG, stated that Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forrest, Chair of the RTAC committee requested him to give a report on what took place at the last meeting. Mr. Ikhrata stated that one of the issues discussed was the Growth Forecast. Saying that Staff needs to make sure it develops a bottom-up approach. The other issue was TIP amendments and Plan amendments. The FHA notified Staff, and will follow-up in writing, that SCAG has a corrective action to take, which is every time Staff amends the TIP and the cost of a project is changed this needs to be reflected in the RTP. This means if Staff amends the TIP, which is done 4-5 times a year, and the cost of the project changes based on the existing statues that Staff has to amend the transportation plan. This will result in a need for more resources and time to process amendments.

Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forrest, stated that he had a concern with the RTAC's members' attendance and the process that is set up given the fact that most of the TCC's, if not all of them, are now represented at the Regional Council level. Mr. Dixon stated that the impact that this may have on the RTP amendment process needs to be assessed.

Mr. Ikhrata stated that this issue should be brought up as a future agenda item so there could be a discussion on how the Committee would want to comply with AB 1246.

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10.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, stated the report was addressed by Staff in Item 5.1 earlier in today's meeting.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, stated that he would like a report from Staff on the Maglev Task Force meetings as a number of the meetings have been canceled and several meeting dates have been changed in the last year. He also asked that the report include the attendance of the Committee Chairman, Councilmember Robin Lowe.

Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest, requested that Staff make an effort to better coordinate SCAG's meetings *around* the Sub-Region and Transportation Commission Board Meetings, which meet on the same day of each month. This should be brought forward as a future agenda item for either the Administration Committee or the Regional Council.

Don Rhodes, SCAG, stated that there was a Master Calendar on the SCAG website. Mr. Rhodes said he would follow-up to make sure Staff included the CTC and Sub-Regional meetings on the Master Calendar, and schedule SCAG meetings around the those meetings.

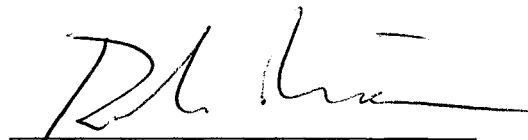
12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung, City of Laguna Niguel, reported that she was part of a group that represented SCAG at a California statewide delegation reception the 'California Tea Party' hosted by SCAG, MTC, MAT, and several other transportation commissions and planning organizations in California in Washington, D.C., the week of March 6. Norman Manetta, Secretary of Transportation, along with some other Congressmen attended the event. SCAG was well served and it was a good conference.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 4, 2006, at The Westin Long Beach.**



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